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Date November 28, 1933.

Subject (in full) Max Ullmann, subject of enquiry from H. B. M. Consulate-General dated 20.11.33.

Made by D.S. Tilton Forwarded by D. S. Tilton

In accordance with instructions enquiries reveal that Max Ullmann was born November 26, 1911, in Vienna. He is a law student and left his home in Vienna arriving in Shanghai by the s.s. "Conte Verde" on September 5, 1933, with the intention of securing employment here.

Ullmann was in possession of a letter of introduction addressed to the Austrian Consul-General, Shanghai, to whom he paid a visit and was advised that it would not be an easy matter to secure employment in Shanghai. During a later visit to the Austrian Consulate, Ullmann declared that he desired to return to Vienna as he realised that he would not be able to secure immediate employment in Shanghai, but he was without funds to do so and could manage if he were able to reach Singapore where certain friends of his resided. Such Austrian acquaintances as he had met in Shanghai learned of his unfortunate position then gave him small sums of money whereby he was able to book a \$50 passage as deck passenger to Singapore by the s.s. "Conte Verde" which vessel sailed from Shanghai September 12, 1933.

The following particulars were obtained from the Chinese Passport Examination Bureau:-

Max Ullmann age 22, Austrian. Born Vienna. Home address c/o Mr. E.W. Soolich, 25 Avenue Petain, Apt. D. Shanghai.

Occupation student (law). Austrian passport, No. 822406 issued July 9, 1929 Vienna. Visa, Chinese Legation, Vienna June 26, 1933. Arrived Shanghai from Vienna on September 5, 1933 by the s.s. "Conte Verde" travelling 2nd Class Economical. Object of visiting Shanghai to settle here. References Mr. Potapenko, Engineer c/o Mr. E.W. Soolich, 25 Avenue Petain, Apt. D. Shanghai.

Copy sent to Mr. S.

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D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.



20th November 1933

My dear Givens,

I enclose herewith a report which I have received from India concerning one MAX UHLMANN. He is the holder of Vienna passport No.822406 granted 9.7.29, and he was granted a British visa for India by the local passport office. I should imagine from statements made in this report that Uhlmann is a pathological liar, but if you have anything on record concerning him I shall be grateful if I may have it.

Yours sincerely,

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T.P.Givens, msq.,  
Special Branch,  
S.M.P.

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report please. I think I  
have a photo of a Mrs. Allman in  
the picture supplements of the  
newspapers last Sunday. *M.H.*  
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Uhlmann arrived in Bombay from Colombo as a deck passenger on the s.s. Conte Verde on 25.9.33. On arrival at Bombay he described himself as Baron Max Uhlmann, and as a student of the University of Vienna: he stated that he would be in India for about three months. He arrived at Jodhpur on 26th idem and put up with a Mr. Fergusson, Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Jodhpur, whose sister he had met on board the s.s. Conte Verde in August last when he had told Miss Fergusson that he was in the Austrian Secret Service. He is said to have come to Jodhpur uninvited and unannounced.

After his arrival at Jodhpur, Uhlmann sent his passport to Karachi to obtain a visa for Afghanistan but it was returned uncomplied with. This fact and his general conversation aroused Mr. Fergusson's suspicion who asked him to leave his house; he lent him Rs. 50/- whereabouts to do so. He left Jodhpur for Karachi as a 3rd class passenger, apparently with the intention of going to Bushire.

While in Jodhpur, Uhlmann is reported to have said that he had been in China in connection with some work for his government, and that he had chartered an Italian aeroplane and flown from Shanghai to Bombay.

He holds an Austrian passport with a visa for India granted at Shanghai on 11.9.33. I shall be glad if you can give me the full particulars of the passport.

His descriptive note is as follows:

Age - about 29; tall; fair; skin reddish, with wrinkly; good hair; eyes brown; nose straight; does not wear spectacles.